

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2594
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
UNIRRIGATED LAND
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area of agricultural land lying unirrigated in the country as on date, State- wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to allot the unirrigated land to farm workers to increase the production of foodgrains and other items;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that due to non-availability of irrigation facilities the said agricultural area of land is lying unirrigated; and
- (e) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a): State-wise agricultural land lying unirrigated in the country for 1996-97, is annexed.
- (b) & (c): Land is a State subject and, therefore, the subject of allotment of unirrigated land to farm workers falls under the purview of State Governments.
- (d): Yes, Sir.
- (e): Irrigation is a State subject and, therefore, irrigation projects are conceived, planned and implemented by respective State Governments according to their needs and priorities. With a view to bring additional unirrigated area under irrigation, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India has launched an Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for expeditious completion of large irrigation and multi-purpose projects costing Rs.500 crore or more and beyond the resource capability of the State Government.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE UNIRRIGATED AREA

AREA IN THOUSAND HECT.

S.NO. STATES UNIRRIGATED AREA

- 1. Andhra Pradesh 6439
- 2. Arunachal Pradesh 149
- 3. Assam 2172
- 4. Bihar 3713
- 5. Goa 116
- 6. Gujarat 6558
- 7 Haryana 860
- 8. Himachal Pradesh 453
- 9. Jammu & Kashmir 420
- 10. Karnataka 8285

11. Kerala 1912
12. Madhya Pradesh 13395
13. Maharashtra 15309
14. Manipur 75
15. Meghalaya 171
16. Mizoram 102
17. Nagaland 163
18. Orissa 3878
19. Punjab 292
20. Rajasthan 11202
21. Sikkim 79
22. Tamil Nadu 2594
23. Tripura 242
24. Uttar Pradesh 5476
25. West Bengal 3552
26. A&N Island 38
27. Chandigarh 0
28. D & N Haveli 19
29. Daman & Diu 3
30. Delhi 3
31. Lakshadweep 3
32. Pondicherry 3

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